

Improved Methods in Farming the Great Need.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

I am pleased to see that so many farmers attended the organization of the Farmers' Institute. This is decidedly a step in the right direction.

While many of them state that they have had too much rain for the good of planting, yet it is fine weather for the oat crop, which is looking well and bids fair for a fine harvest.

I have an order for a shredder from Mr. A. P. Baskin, one of Anthony and Marion counties foremost truckers and practical farmers, and one who can appreciate a good practical machine. I am very much gratified with our sales for the past two weeks, and our farmers are growing more interested in the use of practical labor saving machines. As our worthy brother, Rockbridge, says, we must get out of the old ruts and farm practically. The old fashioned way of trying to farm without farm implements that are labor saving will never do for his advanced age. Just as the seamstress or good housewife finds advantage in an up-to-date sewing machine, so the farmer will find improved farm implements indispensable.

This has been a hard winter on stock. I guess hundreds of cattle have died for the want of food; while with improved harvesting machines thousands of tons of hay could be saved that would feed all the cattle in Marion county, and would save this loss from starvation and make finer and better cattle. As it is, under the present system, this hay all goes to waste. A farmer told me that if he could have had a sewing machine last summer and fall he could have saved hay enough to have stall fed a hundred head of cattle. He will not be without a machine another season, as he has placed his order with me for a McCormick vertical-lift 14 foot mower, and an 8 foot, 26 tooth hand-dump rake.

Just here I want to ask space enough to let our readers know what a farmer in middle Florida thinks of the McCormick machines. These names are given that any farmer in doubt about what make of machine is the best can write these parties and get information.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1901.
W. G. Haynes, general agent McCormick H. M. Co., Atlanta, Ga.:

Dear Sir—Having started the six-foot binder that Judge Hopkins bought of your agent, L. C. Yeager, Tallahassee, Fla., this is to say the machine does the work to my entire satisfaction, is simple and very easy draft; in fact, two horses can pull it easily. I have run the machine two days in rough, unprepared ground, and have had no trouble at all. The bundles are small enough to handle, and tying perfect.

We had an Osborne left-hand binder, but could never do anything with it; it took four horses to pull it. I find the McCormick the lightest draft machine I ever saw.

I would advise all farmers to buy the McCormick machine. We can get repairs at any price, and they are cheaper than other makes.

Yours truly,

R. WHITEFIELD.

What makes the McCormick lighter draft than any other machine?

The driver wheels are two inches higher and one inch wider on the face than wheels on any other machines.

The farmer that is without a good harvesting machine is like a fisherman without bait when he is in the midst of a school of hungry fish.

F. D. POOSER.

Dreadful Attack of Whooping Cough.

Mrs. Ellen Harrison, of 300 Park Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in the paroxysms of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Anti-Monopoly Drug Store. m

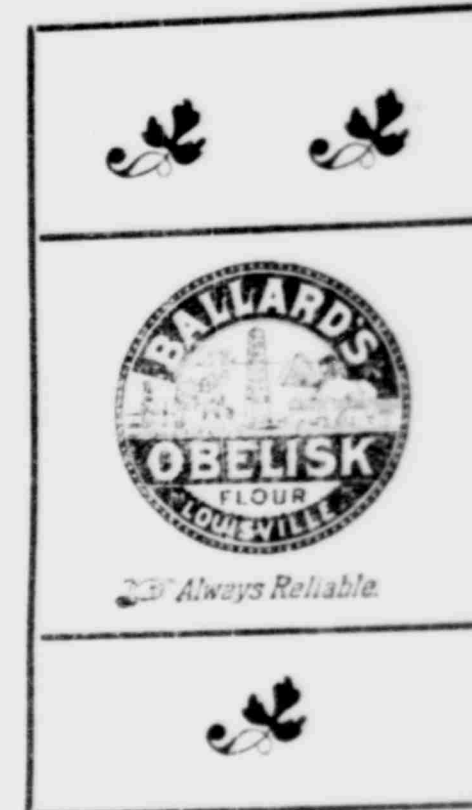
Chess Club Entertained.

On Tuesday evening Mr. N. I. Gottlieb entertained the chess club. A very pleasant evening was spent by the six gentlemen present. At twelve o'clock delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Gottlieb. The following were the gentlemen who were Mr. Gottlieb's guests, Messrs. R. A. Burford, H. A. Ford, J. E. Chase, E. W. Davis, and W. K. Zewadski.



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